

## UNWRITTEN HISTORY

AN IMPORTANT MISSION PRECEDING THE OCCUPATION OF SUMTER.

Don Carlos Buell's Visit to Major Anderson, at Fort Moultrie, with Instructions from Secretary Floyd—An Important Document Never Before Published.

The great generals of the late war are rapidly passing away, and there are now living very few who achieved any considerable distinction in the fearful struggle between the states. Major General Don Carlos Buell, although seventy-four years of age, is still enjoying excellent health at his home in Muhlenburg county, Ky. General Buell's connection with some of the great campaigns of the civil war has passed into history, but the following statement of a fact which had an important and direct bearing upon the momentous events of the four succeeding years is herewith published for the first time:

Early in December, 1860, about one month after Lincoln's election as president, a cabinet meeting was held to consider the situation in Charleston harbor, where Major Anderson occupied Fort Moultrie with a garrison of but 101 men. It was decided to send a discreet and able officer with verbal instructions to Anderson. In the very nature of things, Anderson's conduct in the future was to be large discretionary. The mission was of the most delicate nature, and it was a great compliment to Buell, then major, that he was selected. Secretary of War



DON CARLOS BUELL.

Floyd had a long interview with Buell, and went over the ground very thoroughly with him, explaining his views in detail, so that there might be no misunderstanding in a matter fraught with so much importance to the nation.

Buell proceeded to Fort Moultrie, and after communicating the verbal instructions to Anderson, suggested that he ought to have some written evidence of them, and then, without awaiting a reply, drew up the following document:

You are aware of the great anxiety of the Secretary of War that a collision of the troops with the people of this state shall be avoided, and of his studied determination to pursue a course with reference to the military force and forts in this harbor which shall guard against such collision. He has therefore carefully abstained from increasing the force at this point, or taking any measures which might lead to the present excited state of the public mind, or which would throw any doubt on the confidence he feels that South Carolina will not attempt by violence to obtain possession of the public works or interfere with their occupancy. But as the counsel and acts of rash and impulsive persons may possibly disappoint these expectations of the government, he deems it proper that you should be prepared with instructions to meet so unhappy a contingency. He has therefore directed me, verbally, to give you such instructions.

You are carefully to avoid every act which would needlessly tend to provoke aggression, and for that reason you are not, without evident and imminent necessity, to take up any position which could be construed into the assumption of a hostile attitude. But you are to hold possession of the forts in this harbor, and if attacked to defend yourself to the last extremity. The smallness of your force will not permit you perhaps to occupy more than one of the three forts, but an attack on an attempt to take possession of any one of them will be regarded as an act of hostility, and you may then put your command into either of them which you may deem most proper to increase its power of resistance. You are also authorized to take similar steps whenever you have tangible evidence of a design to proceed to a hostile act.

D. C. BUELL,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Fort Moultrie, S. C., Dec. 11, 1860.

This is an exact copy of the original instructions now on file in the war department. The secretary of war appended the following:

This is in conformity to my instructions to Major Buell.

JOHN B. FLOYD,  
Secretary of War.

Major Buell returned to Washington, arriving there on the 18th of December. One week afterward South Carolina seceded, and six days after that Major Anderson spiked the cannon, burned the gun carriages, cut down the flagstaff, abandoned Fort Moultrie and transferred his forces to Sumter. The press instantly declared that Major Anderson had acted without orders. Mr. Buchanan called upon God to witness that it was not only without but against his orders and against his policy. Secretary Floyd also said that Anderson had acted without orders. The cabinet was called together immediately. As the members assembled Major Buell was sent for, and he came at once to the White House.

As the members proceeded to the room the criticisms upon Anderson's movements were severe and general. All seemed to think that he had acted without orders. Secretary Floyd was loudly condemnatory of Anderson's action. The existence of the order of Dec. 11, transmitted to Major Anderson by Major Buell, seemed to be ignored or forgotten, when the attention of the cabinet was called to them by Judge Black. The order was at once produced from the war department. The paper itself contained the indorsement of the secretary of war, who had probably never looked over it all. He immediately demanded that the president should compel Anderson to retreat his steps and re-enter Moultrie; and when Judge Black and Edwin M. Stanton stood up and prevented Mr. Buchanan from complying with his wishes, he resigned his place in the cabinet.

A. N. ELLIS.

## Housewife's English Sparrow.

A loving student of the English sparrow as the bird is to be seen in Brooklyn finds that the little creature has in his domestic relations many human traits. When the sparrows are mating and building the male sings into insignificance beside the female. When a nest is to be selected the male looks jauntily about and is ready to accept anything that comes to hand, but the hen examines each proposed site with critical care, apparently studies the relations of the place to sun, wind and rain, and finally decides the question with small consideration for the opinions of her spouse.

When the nest is to be built the housewife character of the hen again asserts itself. She is busy all day long gathering sticks and straws to serve as building material. Nothing is taken haphazard, but every stick or straw fits to a nicety and is admirably adapted to the end for which it is selected. As to the male, he gives moral support and little else. While the hen is devoting all her energies to the task in hand he sits on a neighboring bough and encourages her with music. Nor does she expect or wish more at his hands.

Now and then, apparently pricked by conscience, he leaves his perch, picks up a clumsy stick or straw and carries it to the scene of the building operations. But his contribution is seldom received with favor. The hen usually examines it with the ill concealed scorn that wives sometimes accord to domestic performances of husbands, and in nine cases out of ten she tosses away the proffered material as soon as the back of her spouse is turned.—New York Sun.

## A Cowboy's Sense of Humor.

A globe trotting Englishman told me this story: "To show you that the cowboys are not as bad as they have been painted—in fact, that they are opposed to anything like lawbreaking and violence—let me relate an incident. There was a poor clerk standing up over his books at a desk in a shop on the main street, and there was a cowboy riding up and down the street. Well, the cowboy saw the clerk and his sense of humor was aroused by the idea of shooting at him, d'you know. Those cowboys have a very remarkable sense of humor. So the cowboy ups with his pistol, d'you know, and he shoots the poor clerk right through the head, killing him instantly."

"Well, now, that sort of thing is very distinctly frowned upon by cowboys, as a rule, and in this case the cowboy held a meeting and resolved that the fellow with the lively but dangerous sense of humor should be hanged at once. They put a rope around his neck, and there being no tree anywhere in sight they hung him to the side of a Pullman as the train came rolling in. I've seen a number of occurrences of that sort, which makes me quite positive in stating that though they are a very rum sort of fellows they are really not a bad lot."—Julian Ralph in Harper's Weekly.

## A Lazy, Though Shrewd Fellow.

Tulkinson—a barrister and bachelor combined by the way—is a very systematic man. The other day he had his house fitted with electrical appliances, and giving instructions to his servant Joseph, he said:

"Now I want you to understand, Joseph, that when I ring once that means for you, and when I ring twice that means for Maggie, the housemaid." Joseph, who is the laziest wretch that ever accepted wages he did not earn, bowed respectfully and withdrew. A little later the bell rang. Joseph never moved. Presently it rang again, and according to instructions Maggie came hurrying to her master, who was very angry.

"Why didn't that rascal, Joseph, come when I rang for him?" said the barrister bachelor disgustedly.

"Why, sir," answered Maggie, "Joseph is busy in the office reading your newspaper. When he heard the first ring he said to me, 'Now, Maggie, wait until he rings the second time, and then it will be your turn.'"

## Strange Cave Dwellers in Spain.

At a meeting of the Royal Geographical society, of Madrid, Dr. Bide gave an account of his exploration of a wild district in the province of Caceres, which he represented as still inhabited by a strange people who speak a curious patois and live in caves and inaccessible retreats. They have a hairy skin and have hitherto displayed a strong repugnance to mixing with their Spanish and Portuguese neighbors. Roads have lately been pushed into the district inhabited by the "Jurdes," and they are beginning to learn the Castilian language and attend the fairs and markets.—W. H. Larrabee in Popular Science Monthly.

## The Growth of Railroad Mileage.

In 1830 there were twenty-three miles of railway in operation in the United States. By 1882 the mileage had increased to 229 miles, and in 1885 the country had 1,098 miles of railroad. The first through railroad from the east westward was completed in 1842 between Boston and Albany, connecting at the latter place with the Erie canal. In the same year the last link of the line from Albany to Buffalo was opened. At the end of 1848 the total mileage of all the railroads in the country was 5,996 miles, or about 500 miles more than there are now in the state of Nebraska.—Edward Rosewater's Omaha Address.

## The Flute Is Very Old.

The flute is very old in its origin, but the flute of today is different from that of the ancients. It has been improved upon from time to time, and the old people would probably fail to recognize it now. The flageolet, which is somewhat similar, is credited to Juvigny about 1581.—Harper's Young People.

## Tall Men in Asia and Africa.

The tallest men of South America are found in the western provinces of the Argentine Republic, of Asia in Afghanistan and Kaypootana, of Africa in the highlands of Abyssinia.—Yankoo Blade.

## GREAT REDUCTION IN Wall Paper.

Archibald McAlinsh,  
PAINTER AND DECORATOR,

Paints, Oils, Glass, Kalsomine,  
Ready Mixed Paints, Wall Paper and  
Decorations.

492 BROAD STREET,  
Newark, N. J.

"Our American Homes  
and How to Furnish Them."

## FURNITURE.

Visitors to New York  
Are cordially invited to call  
and inspect our stock and  
prices. Largest display of  
Reliable Furniture to be  
seen in America.

Fifteen Show Rooms, filled with the latest productions of the Furniture and Upholstery Arts from the recognized manufacturing centers of Europe and America, including lines of our own manufacture. Both city and country houses can be furnished from our vast assortment, in any style desired.

Full lines of English Brass and Iron BED-STEADS (our own direct importation).

All prices in plain figures, and the lowest that can be quoted for goods of standard quality.

R. J. Horner & Co.,

Furniture Makers and Importers.

61, 63, 65 West 23 St., N. Y.

NOTE.—The central location of our establishment (adjacent to the Museum) makes it easy of access from all parts of the city.

## PAISLEY'S,

397 6th Ave.  
Bet. 24th & 25th Sts., N. Y.



Summer Shoes,  
Latest Styles,  
in  
Russia Leather  
Russet, etc.

Tennis, Boating, Seaside  
and Mountain wear  
at  
Popular Prices.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

JOSEPH B. HARVEY,

Tin, Sheet Iron, and Copper Worker,

Roofing, Leaders, and Tin Ware,

PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING

Pumps, Ranges,

Hot-Air Furnaces.

PARLOR, OFFICE, AND COOK STOVES,

PAINTERS' SUPPLIES,

Paints, Oils, Putty, &c., &c.

BLOOMFIELD AVE., near Centre.

BUY

BEST QUALITY

LEHIGH COAL!

The HARDEST and Best Prepared

LEHIGH COAL in the Market.

FOR SALE BY

Chas. Murray & Son.

Yard foot of Fremont St.

Orders by mail promptly attended to.

Well screened and delivered in good

order at the lowest market prices.

BALDWIN'S

Montclair, Bloomfield &

Newark Express.

208 Market St., Newark.

Offices: J. G. Crane & Son, Montclair;

Dodd's Livery Stables, B'field

Furniture and Pianos Moved with Care;

Heavy Hauling and Carting

of all Descriptions.

Orders by mail or telephone promptly attend

ed to at all times, and satisfaction guaranteed

TELEPHONE NO. 24, BLOOMFIELD

GEORGE W. WAY,

Harness Maker,

No. 21 Broad Street.

Hand-Made Harness my Specialty

Repairing done with neatness and despatch.

HELP MATE  
SEWING MACHINE

A MARVELOUS SUCCESS

LIGHTEST, FASTEST,

BEST.

EMBOIES EVERY DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENT.

MANY EXCLUSIVELY ITS OWN.

HANDSOME, TESTED, FULLY WARRANTED

ELEGANTLY FINISHED, TIME FIVE YEARS

SEE OUR ADDRESS AGENT OR

WILLIAMS MFG CO

PATENT OFFICE, NEW YORK, CAN

A LIVE AGENT WANTED IN EVERY TOWN

## HUMPHREYS'

Dr. Humphrey's Specifics are scientifically and

carefully prepared, and used for years by the

people with entire success. Every single Specific

is a special cure for the disease named.

They are without drug, and purging or reducing

the system, and are the best and the most

reliable of the World.

LIST OF PRINCIPAL DISEASES.

1—Fever, Congestions, Inflammations, .25

2—Worms, Worm Fever, Worm Cough, .25

3—Teething, Cough, Crying, Wakefulness, .25

4—Diarrhea, of Children or Adults, .25

5—Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, .25

6—Neuralgia, Toothache, Faceache, .25

7—Headaches, Sick Headache, Vertigo, .25

8—Typhoid, Biliousness, Constipation, .25

9—Suppressed or Painful Periods, .25

10—Whites, Too Profuse Periods, .25

11—Chronic Laryngitis, Hoarseness, .25

12—Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Eruptions, .25

13—Rheumatism, Rheumatic Pains, .25

14—Malaria, Chills, Fever and Ague, .25

15—Piles, Blind or Bleeding, .25

16—Catarrh, Influenza, Cold in the Head, .25

17—Whooping Cough, .25

18—Kidney Diseases, .25

19—Nervous Debility, .25

20—Urinary Weakness, Wetting Bed, .25

Sold by Druggists, or sent postpaid on receipt of price.

Dr. HUMPHREY'S RESIDENCE, 1114 1/2 W. 4th St., NEW YORK.

HUMPHREY'S MED. CO., 1114 1/2 W. 4th St., NEW YORK.

## SPECIFICS.

The Next Number Especially Good.

TALES FROM

TOWN TOPICS

READ BY ALL MEN AND WOMEN.

Published first day of December, March,

June and September.

DELICATE, DAINTY, WITTY,

INTENSE.

Every reputable news and book stand has it.

Price, single number, 50 CENTS. \$2.00

PER YEAR, postage FREE.

This brilliant Quarterly reproduces the best

stories, sketches, burlesques, poems, witli-

cious, etc., from the early numbers of that

much talked-about New York Society Journal,

Town Topics, which is published weekly. Sub-

scription price, \$4.00 per year.

The two publications "Town Topics" and

"Tales from Town Topics" together, at the

low club-price of \$2.00 per year.

Ask your newsdealer for them or address,

TOWN TOPICS,

21 West 23d Street, N. Y. City.

REGULATE THE

STOMACH, LIVER AND BOWELS

AND

PURIFY THE BLOOD.

A RELIABLE REMEDY FOR

Indigestion, Biliousness, Headache, Consti-

pation, Dyspepsia, Chronic Liver Troubles,

Biliousness, Bad Complexion, Biliary Ob-

struction, Offensive Breath, and all Disorders of the

Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

Ripans Tablets contain nothing injurious to

the most delicate constitution. They are a safe,

effective, and give immediate relief.

Sold by druggists, or sent postpaid on receipt of

10 cents. Address: THE RIPANS CHEMICAL CO.,

10 SPRUCE STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

## PATENTS

Scientific American

Agency for

CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS,

DESIGN PATENTS

COPIRIGHTS, etc.

For information and free Handbook write to

MUNN & CO., 31 N. 2d St., NEW YORK.

Oldest bureau for securing patents in America.

Every patent taken out here is brought before

the public by a notice given free of charge in the

Scientific American.

Largest circulation of any scientific paper in the

world. Splendidly illustrated. No intelligent

inventor can afford to neglect it. Sent by mail

for \$1.00 a month. Address MUNN & CO.,

PUBLISHERS, 31 Broadway, New York.

## PATENTS

Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained, and all Patent

business conducted for Moderate Fees.

OUR OFFICE IS OPPOSITE U. S. PATENT OFFICE

and we can secure patent in less time than those

conducted from Washington.

Send model, drawing or photo, with description.

We advise, if patentable or not, free of

charge. Our fee not paid till patent is secured.

A PAMPHLET "How to Obtain Patents," with

cost of same in the U. S. and foreign countries

sent free on application.

C. A. SNOW & CO.,

OPP. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

FRAZER AXLE

BEST IN THE WORLD.

The quality of our axles is unsurpassed, actually

withstanding two boxes of any other brand. Not

affected by heat. GET THE GENUINE.

FOR SALE BY DEALERS GENERALLY.

Address: FRAZER AXLE CO.,

100 N. 3d St., NEW YORK.

Manufactured by FRAZER AXLE CO.,

100 N. 3d St., NEW YORK.

Manufactured by FRAZER AXLE CO.,